

Mar 4, 1861

Lincoln was sworn in as
President:

Seven Southern States had
already seceded from the
Union

Oct 1861

The telegraph line from
Omaha to San Francisco was
pushed to completion.

Previously, it took 8 or 9 days
for a letter to travel by
Pony Express from St Joseph,
Missouri to reach Sacramento,
California.

The telegraph diminished

the Perry Express And interrupted
its promatos

Apr 12, 1861

The American Civil War began as
Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter
in South Carolina

Apr 15, 1861

Three days after Confederates attack
on Fort Sumter, Pres. Lincoln
declared a state of insurrection and
called out Union troops

1861-1863

Francis R. Lubbock was
gov. of State of Tex

Mar 11, 1861

The Confederate Convention in
Montgomery, Ala. Adopted
a Constitution.

Nov 6, 1861

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a six-year term as Pres
of the Confederacy

Nov. 1, 1861

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made general-in-chief of
the Union Armies.

1861

(Pres) William McKinley enlisted
as private in blue uniform of
the Union; 23rd Ohio Inf. Regiment
He fought in Battle of CARUIFFE
Ferry (a small victory for North)

Many of his comrades fell
to disease from poor nutrition
and sanitation

1861

The Civil War consumed everything including the country's currency. As the military situation worsened in 1861, panicked note holders rushed to banks and demanded gold. By Dec 1861 banks had stopped redeeming their notes. With precious metals hoarded and hidden, paper money depreciated radically.

Congressman Elbridge G. Spaulding
authored an act for national paper
currency that became known as
legal-tenders

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The first transcontinental
telegraph message was sent
as Justice J. Field of California
transmitted a telegram to President
Lincoln

Jan 1861

William Tecumseh Sherman
was supt of the military Academy
in Louisiana (now Louisiana
State University).

When Louisiana seceded in
Jan 1861, Sherman resigned and
was commissioned a Union
infantry Colonel.

1861

After less than 2 years, the
1,966 mile long Pony Express
between St Joseph, Missouri
and Sacramento, Calif. gave
up.

Indian raids and the
telegraph spelled its doom.

Apr 19, 1861

The first fatalities of the Civil War occurred when 4 members of the Massachusetts militia were stored to death by a Baltimore mob of Confederate sympathizers.

Mar 17, 1861

Unification of Italy was
achieved formally with
declaration of Victor Emmanuel
as King